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A UNIQUE DECISION.

The Zion school district in 1912 woted a four mills tax and did the other things required by the terms of the rural graded school act in order to secure state aid. That year they were given the \$200 state aid. The next year the district fell short three or four in enrollment, but had the necessary average attendance. Having failed in this one particular to comply with the terms of the act the district was denied the \$200 allowed for two teacher rural graded schools. Of course there was a technical failure to comply with the terms of the act and the patrons could not complain This year we understand that they have the necessary enrollment and the average attendance, but the state superintendent of education denies them the state aid because they did not have the necessary enrolment last year.

Now the uniqueness of this decision is in how the state superintendent of education reasons, in refusing to give aid this year because there was not the necessary enrollment last year, and last year refused state aid because there was not the necessary enrollment for that year.

It may be that the law allows aid on the enrollment of the preceding year, but if it does, how did the state superintendent deny the allowance last year. On this line of reasoning the state aid should have been granted last year, or if the law requires the attendance the current year the district arould have it this year The state superintendent is something of an autocrat, and if you want to have favor with him you must agree with him or you are all wrong. So we agree with the state superintendent that he was wrong last year in denying state aid to the district, because the year before there was the necessary enrollment, or he is wrong in refusing it this year because there is the necessary enrollment this year to secure the aid.

Just the other day the patrons all met at the school house and had a delightful pictaic and were feeling good over the prospect that the school this year would get the state aid because they had the children enrolled and there would be no doubt about the attendance average, because these peo- July 2, 1879: ple are interested in their school and the children attend. This decision will have a tendency to dampen the enthusiasm of the people, but they are not the ones to give up, and we are satisfied they will have a good school all the same and no doubt they will show the state superintendent wherein his decision this year is unique and where he made error last year in basing his decision on the enrolment of the current term, and maybe he will give them the money they should have had last year under his this year opinion.

There were more white men in the recent court of sessions for trial than we have known in Newberry in years.

Hon. Thos. G. McLeod made a very favorable impression upon the people of Newberry as well as upon the bar during the two terms of the court recently held here by him as special judge. A great many were heard to remark that they would like to see him on the bench as a regular judge. He is a fine fellow and a good lawyer, but at his time of life could scarcely afford to accept a position on the bench. We don't pay enough.

We think the proposition to increase the pay of state officers is in the right direction. We do not want to be extravagant, but the idea of paying a treasurer only \$1,900 and requiring him to give a bond for \$90,000 is ridiculous. And the same is true of other officers. An attorney general for instance gets only \$1,900. But we might well leave off some of the departments created in recent years, and not make ficers had remained ridulously law the increase has been so steady and so

We go to press with our anniversary edition on Friday. If there are any others who may desire to have an advertisement in this issue the copy must be in by Wednesday. We want all of you to have a place in this picture, and if we failed to call on you personally it was because we did not have the time. As we have stated our help is limited and we are doing the best we can, and you can get in the picture by calling at the office, and you are invited to call. It is going to be the biggest and best paper ever printed in Newberry, and we would be pleased to have every merchant have a place in it but if he does not think it will pay him why then we do not want his business. It is not a charity issue at all.

We drove out over the Appalachian highway the other day as far as the residence of Mr. C. S. Suber. It is in very good condition, but needs the application of the drag very much just now. If it should be dragged regulargly for a few weeks it would be a very good road all winter. It should have been widened in a good many places and some of the high places should have been taken down, but on NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR MAYOR the whole it is a great improvement and what it needs most now is the application of the split log drag regu-

How about organizing for the county fair. It is no use to wait if you are going to have a fair. Now is the time to perfect the organization. Newberry could have an ideal fair.

We notice that Winthrop college will ask for its annual new dormitory again this year. (Winthrop is a fine infor one college.

They say that it was a mistake and there were no boll weevil in Chester county. That is good, but we may expect the boll weevil to reach us very. soon. The thing to do is to plant more corn and oats and wheat and other crops besides cotton.

THE COUNTY FAIR.

Talking about the county fair reminds us that a short time ago we were looking through the files of The Herald and News and we came across a little local paragraph in the issue of

Fair Grounds."

"The Executive Committee of the County Agricultural and Mechanical society have purchased grounds for the Annual Fairs. The grounds were purchased from Mr. Alan Johnstone. and are located on Main street, about one hundred yards beyond Maj. Jones' on the opposite side of the street from his house. They contain about eight

numerous in other directions that the and three-fourths acres and were expenses of the state government have bought for \$800. Laborers are at work more than doubled in the last ten cutting down trees and putting the grounds in proper condition."

> And these grounds were ideal for a fair, and just think of the price. But the grounds are now occupied by several dwellings and can not be had for fair purposes. There are other places near the city that are available and could be secured. There should be some ten acres in the plot. Let the good people of Newberry get together and organize another fair association and have a county fair in the fall

> The Newberry Herald thinks that "if Colonel Bryan isn't a demagogue he is about the best imitation of one now before the public." He must be the real thing. His present ambition is surely unexampled .- News and Courier.

You have your babies mixed. The Herald and News has not mentioned Mr. Bryan's name since our former local reporter left. And he was a great admirer of the Nebraskan and would never have said anything like that about the Great Commoner. We are not saying unkind or uncomplimentary things about any one. If we can't say anything good or pleasant we do not say anything. We have no time nor inclination to call anyone ugly names.

AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF NEWBERRY, SOUTH CARO-

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual election for a Mayor and five Aldermen, one Alderman for each of the five wards, to serve for a term; of two years, will be held at the Council Chamber, in the Opera House, in the Town of Newberry, South Carolina, on the second Tuesday in December, 1915, being the 11th day of said month, the polls to be opened at eight o'clock in the forenoon and to close at six o'clock in the afternoon. G. W. Hiller. J. R. Davidson and H. L. Spears are stitution, but it is about big enough appointed managers of the said elec-

> By order of the Town Council of Newberry, S. C., on this the 29th day

Z. F. WRIGHT,

J. R. SOURRY, Clerk and Treasurer. 11-30-td

TOWN TAXES.

The time for paying town taxes has been extended to December 15, 1915, which is the last day. After that date the 10 per cent penalty will be added. By order of the City Council.

J. R. SCURRY, Clery and Treasurer.

SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

The undersigned, as executrix of the last will and testament of W. S. Seybt, deceased, will sell at his late residence in the town of Pomaria, on December 15, 1915, the following personal property of the deceased:

Two horses, one buggy and buggy harness, one Ford automobile, etc.

ALMA E. SEYBT, Nov. 29, 1915. Executrix.

OPERA HOUSE, ON MONDAY, DEC. 6th

EUGENE WALTER'S MASTERPIECE



The Trail of The Lonesome Pine

Dramatized from John Fox's Jr. Novel of the same

Miss Eily O'Connor as June

A MAGNIFICENT CAST MAMMOTH PRODUCTION

DIRECTION OF WILL A. CULHANE AMUSEMENT CO. Tickets, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Seat Sale Gilder & Weeks

COUNTY FAIR **MINIATURE**

In our window has attracted a great deal of attention. The display will be removed on December 7th. It is worth making a visit to our store to see the many good things we have to

show you. Our stock has never been more complete, and in selecting it we have in mind two thoughts, to get the best goods at the most reasonable prices. We believe we have succeeded.

For instance, we have a line of Rockers at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00 and up to \$12.50.

Suits, Dressers, Washstands, Beds, Springs, Matresses and Rugs.

Dining Room Furniture, Kitchen Furniture, Library Furniture, Parlor Furniture, Portiers, Lace and Scrirn Curtains, Blankets and Counterpanes.

Pictures, Odd and Fancy pieces of furniture and everything for the home. We can please you both in quality and price.

WHEN WEST-MARTIN CO. SAYS ITS OAK, ITS OAK.

Condensed Statement

The National Bank of Newberry NEWBERRY, S. C.

From a report to the Comptroller of the Currency Showing condition at the close of business Nov. 10, 1915.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$282,305.40
Overdraftsnone	
U. S. Bonds	102,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	8,682.48
Banking House	10,000.00
Other Real Estate	
Redemption Fund U. S. Treasurer	5,000.00
Cash Due from Banks	58,795.51
Total	\$469,783.39
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Capital StockSurplus and Undivided Profits	2,809.93
Circulation	100,000.00
Dividends Unpaid	
Denosite	193.023.95
Bills Pavable	25,000.00
Rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank	48,620.57
Total	\$460 792 20

H. T. CANNON, Assistant Cashier.

R. D SMITH, Cashier.

B. C. MÅTTHEWS, Pres.